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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

President, Treasurer, and Librarian

OF THE

Mercantile Library

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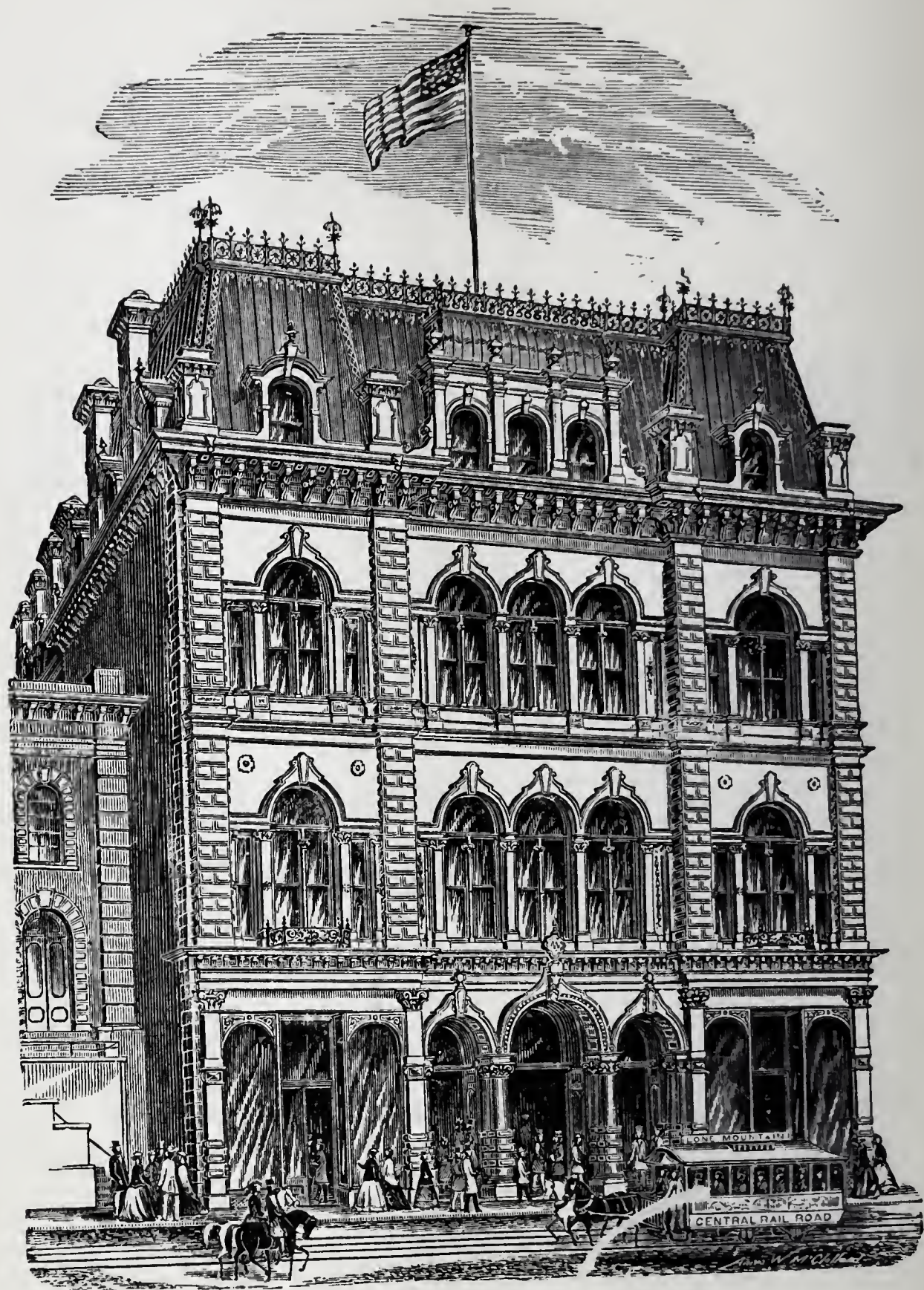
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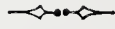
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WAYS AND MEANS	-	{ JAMES LINFORTH, O. V. WALKER, J. C. MEUSDORFFER,
PROPERTY	- - - -	{ S. P. MIDDLETON, E. J. MOLERA, A. A. WATKINS.
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ACCOUNTS	- - - -	{ J. A. FORD, A. A. WATKINS, JAMES LINFORTH.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Although I am the President of the Association I have been so for but a few weeks past, since the acceptance by the Board of Trustees of the resignation of Mr. J. H. Wildes, whom you elected to that position a year ago, and who served acceptably and faithfully until his recent removal from San Francisco to Oakland compelled him, under a strict construction of the By-Laws, to resign the office.

Regarding him, therefore, rather than myself, as the retiring President, I invited him to prepare a report which I shall accordingly now have the honor to read to you.

D. WILDER,
President.

DAVID WILDER, ESQ.

President of the Mercantile Library Association.

Dear Sir :

In October last, some three months before the expiration of the term of office for which I was elected, it became necessary for me to change my residence from this city to East Oakland. Upon examining the

By-Laws, I found that as a non-resident in the county, I could not, legally, retain the Presidency of the Association. To my extreme regret, I felt obliged to resign the office, although fully aware that the interests of the library would not suffer at the hands of the remaining able and experienced members of the board of trustees. In this connection it has been deemed proper that I should offer a few remarks, necessarily of a general character; the details of matters affecting the financial condition and conduct of the institution, belonging properly to the Annual Report of my successor in office.

During the latter part of the past year, the oft mooted question as to what must be done in order to improve the condition of things, came up again, and after much reflection and argument, regarding what might be best for the interest of all concerned, coupled with the determination to keep free from debt, it was finally resolved to alter the arrangement of the present building in such a manner as would—while not curtailing it of its actually necessary proportions,—utilize a large space, hitherto comparatively useless. The property committee of the board, composed of Messrs. Middleton, Cole and Wiggin, at once took the matter in hand, and the alterations as planned by Mr. Henry W. Cleaveland, were begun without unnecessary delay. I consider it only proper in this connection, to acknowledge the strong personal interest and energy evinced by Mr. Middleton in bringing this matter to a head at

last. Former boards, in which I have had the honor of serving, many times wrestled with the question of bettering our condition ; but it was left to the present authorities to at last develope something within the bounds of practicability. The alterations contemplated the enlargement of the two stores, now paying a moderate rent, to an extent that will add materially to the revenues of the association. These stores are already leased at a rate sufficient to warrant the belief that within the present year the library will be free from any obligation and fairly launched upon a term of prosperity. So far as my observation extends, the current business of the institution is conducted in the best and most economical manner consistent with the means available. Every facility within the bounds of reason is offered to members and such visitors as we may receive. No library of the character, within the United States, offers better opportunities or greater privileges to all desirous for information and the amusement of a leisure hour.

It is to be hoped that in view of this new departure from the wonted monotony of the old Mercantile Library affairs, some of those now living, who attended its birth and watched its growing capacities, may revive their old associations and come back to us once more.

The re-election of nearly all the members of the present board of directors, is due to the good judgment

of the nominating committee. My successor, Mr. David Wilder, has been connected long and honorably with the management, and I am confident the institution will grow in prosperity under his administration.

J. H. WILDES.

JANUARY 22d, 1885.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 22, 1885.

Receipts		Disbursements.	
Quarterly Dues account.....	\$6,399 50	Book account.....	\$ 1,279 27
Rent account.....	4,126 00	Newspaper account.....	717 51
Stores.....	\$2,366 65	Binding account.....	756 10
Hall.....	540 00	Printing account.....	171 50
Attic.....	1,219 35	Advertising account.....	101 30
		Stationery account.....	41 47
Book account.....	6 00	Salary account.....	5,966 07
Catalogue account.....	1 35	Fuel account.....	69 00
Interest account—Dividend of San Francisco Savings Union.....	142 93	Gas account.....	776 69
Sundries account.....	185 45	Water account.....	223 20
Insurance account—Rebate.....	120 00	Improvement account.....	337 53
San Francisco Savings Union—Transfers to General Fund.....	2,500 00	Taxes, 1884—85.....	1,231 22
		Insurance account.....	1,101 25
		Post Office account.....	144 53
		Sundries account.....	221 67
Total Receipts.....	\$13,481 23	Total Disbursements.....	\$13,138 31

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Recapitulation.

Jan. 22, 1884—Balance on hand—In Bank of California.....	\$ 234 97
“ “ San Francisco Savings Union.....	6,616 79
“ “ Hands of Librarian.....	12 45
Total on hand at beginning of Fiscal 1884.....	\$6,864 21
Transferred by Resolution of the Board to General Fund.....	2,500 00
Total Receipts (as above).....	\$ 4,364 21
Total Disbursements (as above).....	13,481 23
	\$17,845 44
	13,138 31

Jan. 22, 1885—Balance on hand.....	\$ 4,707 13
“ “ In Bank of California.....	\$ 571 97
“ “ San Francisco Savings Union.....	3,116 79
“ “ Hands of Treasurer.....	1,000 00
“ “ “ Librarian.....	18 37
	\$4,707 13

H. MOLINEUX, Treasurer.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the President, Board of Trustees and Members:

I have the honor to present, as another chapter in the history of our Institution, the following review of the workings of the Library for the past year, and respectfully offer it for your consideration.

It embodies the usual statements of books received, by purchase or otherwise; their classification and cost; with the various statistics relating to their arrangement and use.

There will be found in it, perchance, little of unusual interest, being simply a record of the activity of an institution surrounded by conditions permitting only a limited outlay, and affording but little opportunity for expansion.

The number of new subscribing members added during the year is 103.

The present membership of the Association is as follows:

Subscribing Members.....	559
Honorary Members.....	70
Life Members.....	254
Life and Honorary Members.....	16
Total.....	899

BOOKS.

The province of the Librarian, in his annual presentation, is to deal, in the main, with the matter of *books*—the number and quality of accessions, the varied sources from which derived, and their classification and final disposition. Thus, and thus only, are we enabled to trace the comparative growth of the Library, or to accurately understand its existing condition.

Whether the work of accumulation goes steadily forward; whether our literary stores are preserved and increased; whether enhanced in value or otherwise; can only be ascertained by consideration of the facts and figures offered in this connection.

Important and absorbing as the consideration of funds and finances necessarily becomes to the management of unendowed literary institutions like this, still, evidences of their intrinsic progress or decline must be sought for in the wares on their shelves—the accumulated material, in quantity or kind, of their stock in trade—their *books*.

Though the treasury be replete, if inadequate additions are made to its store of matter for reading and study, its purpose remains unfulfilled, its mission incomplete.

For the true status of the Library, then, we must turn to the tables relating to the acquisitions of the year, and study the conclusions to be drawn from comparison with those of previous years, and to the

annual accounting of stock exhibited in the report.

The number of volumes added to the Library is limited only by the means at our disposal for their purchase, and the totals for the past few years have shown but little variation. Only with an increased income, obtained through a more liberal appreciation and support from our people, can it be augmented. The fact should not be forgotten, in this connection, that our supply for the purchase of books is derived from no endowment fund, as many take for granted; from no assured revenue from permanent investments; but is the trifling balance that can be eked out of our current receipts, after meeting the necessary expenses including the heavy exactment of the State for our annual tax.

The whole number of volumes added to the Library the past year was 1278, of which 722 were purchased, 263 donated, and 293 consist of Periodicals and Reports compiled and bound.

Our record for five years shows an average annual purchase of 746 volumes. The average annual expenditure for the same is \$1354.36, and for books and periodicals together \$2339.15.

The expenditure for books the past year has been \$1279.27; and for books and periodicals combined \$1996.78.

In detail the work of the year and present condition is shown by the following:

TABLE OF ADDITIONS

Romance	369	Religion.....	17
Juveniles.....	39	Bibliography.....	33
Travels.....	38	Government Reports.....	213
Biography	73	Dictionaries.....	8
Belles Lettres.....	20	Directories.....	10
Science	97	By Binding—	
History.....	41	Periodicals.....	246
Poetry.....	20	Reports.....	36
Spanish.....	1	Newspapers.....	11— 293
Miscellaneous.....	5		
Total Additions.....			1,277
Total Number of Volumes reported Jan. 1, 1884.....			52,751
Additions—			
	By Purchase.....	722	
	By Donation.....	263	
	By Binding.....	293—	1,278
			54,029
Deduct —			
	Condemned Novels given to State Prison and		
	Home of Inebriates.....	62	
	Sold, Lost and Paid for.....	9	
	Unaccounted for.....	100—	171
Present Number of Volumes in Library.....			53,858

In addition to the above, following our system of the preceding year, numbers of the Franklin Square library have been purchased, though, from their perishable nature, not included in the table of accessions.

Some 240 of these have been put in circulation, and, though many have disappeared, they served a temporary demand, and, in this, have proved a good investment.

Others so-called “Libraries,” of a more serviceable form, though no more expensive, are superceding them, in the popular demand, and in the purchases made.

The demand for reading and the extent to which our collection has been enabled to supply it, as indicated by the books borrowed for home use, appears by the following statistics of the

CIRCULATION.

	VOLS.	PER CENT.
Romance.....	21,365	63.53
Juveniles.....	1,794	5.34
Travels.....	1,728	5.14
Biography.....	1,651	4.81
Belles Lettres.....	626	1.76
Science.....	2,020	6.00
History.....	1,311	3.80
Poetry.....	687	2.04
Spanish.....	29	.86
French.....	813	2.42
German.....	480	1.13
Religion.....	234	.69
Italian.....	3	.01
Miscellaneous.....	834	2.47
Total.....	33,575	100.00

As already stated, the Library has received, as donations, 263 volumes of books.

These, as also 347 pamphlets given, have been duly acknowledged and accredited to their respective donors in the accompanying appendix.

Our Senators and Representatives in Washington have been thoughtful in supplying us with the publications of the government, thus increasing the obligation we were already under for the many favors of previous years.

Mr. Alexander Del Mar, on the eve of his departure for Europe, was kind enough to place in our custody a quantity of works relating, principally, to the precious metals, numbering some 25 books and 40 pamphlets.

This act, a trifle, perhaps, in itself, is of such rare occurrence with us, while it forms an example worthy of emulation by others, that it deserves our sincere thanks.

If our patrons could but realize the great benefit to be derived from the, to them, slight gift of the small accumulations they have made, and, perhaps, wearied of keeping, such remembrances as this would be a thing of *common* instead of rare occurrence. Here the various collections, obtained from numerous sources, would be marshalled under their respective divisions with a surety of being indefinitely preserved for the future reference, not of one or a few, but of all. It supplies the great advantage of a concentration of forces under a single command, ever ready and subject to call. Many collections of moderate size have accumulated in the hands of our citizens, whose primary, and, to the owners, sole use has been exhausted, which, if placed under the care of our Library would serve to build up our various departments, and be the more securely preserved for the use and benefit of the many coming after.

There has been little change in the library proper deserving mention in this report. Four new book cases, of neat pattern, have been added to meet the ever pressing demand for shelf room, and a railing introduced to protect the librarian's desk from an almost constant and troublesome intrusion.

The alteration and enlargement of the stores on the ground floor are expected to add permanently to the income of the library, and, thus, to its general welfare and progress.

With this additional aid and some increase in the membership of the association, which we ought certainly to expect, let us be permitted to anticipate for our Institution, and that at no very distant date, an assured and prosperous condition.

ALFRED E. WHITAKER,
Librarian.

PERIODICALS, MAGAZINES AND SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS ON FILE.

PERIODICALS.

Academy,	Contemporary Review,
American Agriculturist,	Critic and Literary News,
American Architect and Building	Demorest's Magazine and Mirror of
News,	Fashions,
American Bookseller,	Deutsche Rundschau,
American, European and Oriental	Dingler's Polytechnisches Journal,
Record (Trubner's),	Eclectic Magazine,
American Institute of Mining Engi-	Edinburgh Review,
neers, Transactions,	Essex Institute Bulletin,
American Journal of Science. See	*European Mail,
Silliman's Journal,	Folio,
Analyst, The	Fortnightly Review,
Annales des Mines,	Franklin Institute Journal,
Annals and Magazine of Natural	Frazer's Magazine,
History,	Gartenlaube, Die,
Antiquary (Lond.),	Gentleman's Magazine,
Architect (Lond.),	Geological Magazine,
Art Journal,	Geological Society (London) Publica-
Arundel Society Publications,	tions,
Athenæum,	Godey's Lady's Book.
Atlantic Monthly (2 copies),	Golden Era,
Bankers' (American) Magazine,	Hakluyt Society Publications,
Bankers' (English) Magazine,	Hall's Journal of Health,
Bibliotheca Sacra,	Harpers Magazine (2 copies),
Blackwood's Magazine,	Hartford Library Bulletin,
Bookseller (Lond.),	Harvard University Library-Bulletin,
Boston Athenæum Bulletin,	International Review,
Boston Journal of Chemistry,	Iron,
Boston Pub. Lib. Bulletin,	Journal of Speculative Philosophy,
Braithwaite's Retrospect of Practical	Library Journal,
Medicine and Surgery,	Linnæan Society Publications,
British Association for Promotion of	Lippincott's Magazine,
Science, Reports,	Literary World,
British Quarterly Review,	Littell's Living Age,
Brooklyn Library Bulletin,	Livre, Le
Builder,	London, Edinburgh and Dublin Re-
Catholic World,	view. See Philosophical Mag.
Century Magazine,	London Lancet,
Chamber's Journal,	London Society,
Chaucer Society Publications,	Longman's Magazine,
Chemical News,	Macmillan's Magazine,
Chemical Society Journal,	Magazine of American History,
China Review,	Milwaukee Pub. Lib. Bulletin,
Cincinnati Pub. Lib. Bulletin,	Nature,
Cleveland (O.) Pub. School Lib. Bul.,	New Englander,
Commercial and Financial Chronicle,	New Shakspeare Society Publications,
Comptes Rendus,	

PERIODICALS—(CONTINUED).

Nineteenth Century,	Revue des Deux Mondes,
North American Review,	Royal Geographical Society Publications,
Notes and Queries,	Rural Californian,
Overland Monthly,	Science Observer,
Pacific Medical and Surgical Journal,	Shakespeareana,
Peterson's Magazine,	Silliman's Journal,
Phil. Acad. Nat. Sciences, Journal,	Social Science Association Publications (Phil.),
Phil. Acad. Nat. Sciences, Proceedings,	Temple Bar,
Phil. Mer. Lib. Bulletin,	Truth,
Philadelphia Photographer,	United Service,
Philological Soc. (Lond.) Publications	United Service Magazine and Naval Journal,
Philosophical Magazine,	U. S. Army and Navy Journal,
Phrenological Journal,	U. S. Naval Institute, Papers, etc.,
Popular Science Monthly,	Van Nostrand's Eclectic Engineering Magazine,
Portfolio,	Westminster Review,
Princeton Review,	Workshop,
Providence Pub. Lib. Bulletin,	Zoological Society (Lond.) Publications.
Psyche,	
Publishers' Weekly,	
Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science (Lond.),	
Quarterly Review,	

ILLUSTRATED PAPERS.

Bon Ton, Le	Journal Amusant, Le
Decorator and Furnisher,	Kladderadatsch,
Fliegende Blätter,	Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper (3 copies),
Graphic,	Monde Illustré, Le
Harper's Bazar,	Petit Journal pour Rire,
Harper's Weekly (3 copies),	Puck,
Illustrated London News,	Punch,
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News (London),	Über Land und Meer.
Illustrite Zeitung,	
Ilustracion Espanola y Americana, La (Madrid),	

FOREIGN PAPERS.

Auckland News,	London Field,
Australasian,	London Mail (Tri-weekly),
Dublin Nation,	London Mining Journal,
* Hawaiian Advertiser,	London News of the World,
Independence Belge,	London Saturday Review,
London Bell's Life,	London Spectator,
London Engineer,	Sydney Mail,
London Engineering,	Toronto Globe.

*Donated.

ATLANTIC PAPERS.

<p> *American Churchman, Baltimore Sun, Boston Advertiser, Boston Daily Journal, * Boston Gazette, * Boston Our Dumb Animals, Boston Waverly Magazine, Buffalo Express, Burlington Hawkeye, Chicago Inter-Ocean, Chicago Tribune, Cincinnati Commercial, Denver Tribune, Detroit Tribune, Dubuque Times, Galveston News, *Irish World, Kennebec Journal, Louisville Journal, Memphis Appeal, Milwaukee Sentinel, Mississippi Clarion, Missouri Democrat, Missouri Republican, (Tri-Weekly), *New Bedford Mercury, New Orleans Picayune, New York Army and Navy Journal, New York Clipper, New York Country Gentleman, New York Courier des Etats Unis, </p>	<p> New York Dispatch, New York Forest and Stream, New York Graphic, (Daily), New York Herald, (Daily), New York Home Journal, New York Independent, New York Irish-American, New York Journal of Com'rce, (Daily) New York Ledger, New York Nation, *New York Nautical Gazette, New York Rural New Yorker, New York Scientific Amer. (2 copies), New York Scientific Amer. (Supl't), New York Scottish-American, *New York South, The New York Sun, (Daily), New York Times, (Daily), New York Tribune, (Daily), New York Weekly, New York Wilkes' Spirit of the Times New York World, (Weekly), Philadelphia Forney's Press. Philadelphia Ledger, (Daily), Portland Transcript, Rhode Island Journal, Richmond Whig, Springfield Republican, Toledo Blade, Washington Capital. </p>
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*Donated.

PACIFIC PAPERS DONATED.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Papers.	Place of Pub.
Alameda Argus.....	Alameda
Anaheim Gazette.....	Anaheim
Argonaut.....	San Francisco
Berkeley Advocate.....	Berkeley
Bodie Free Press.....	Bodie
California Democrat....	San Francisco
California Farmer.....	San Francisco
Chico Chronicle.....	Chico
Chico Record.....	Chico
Colusa Sun.....	Colusa
Contra Costa Gazette.....	Martinez
Courier.....	Santa Cruz
Courier de San Francisco, San Fran'co	
Dixon Tribune..	Dixon
Fresno Republican.....	Fresno
Grass Valley Union....	Grass Valley
Humboldt Times-Telephone, Humbo't	
Jewish Progress....	San Francisco
Kern County Californian..	Bakersfield
Livermore Review.....	Livermore
Los Angeles Express....	Los Angeles
Los Angeles Herald.....	Los Angeles
Los Angeles Mirror.....	Los Angeles
Los Angeles Morn'g News, Los Angeles	
Marysville Daily Appeal..	Marysville
Mendocino Beacon.....	Mendocino
Monitor.....	San Francisco
Mountain Messenger....	Downieville
Napa Reporter.....	Napa
Nevada Transcript.....	Nevada City
Ontario Fruit Grower.....	Ontario
Pacific.....	San Francisco
Pacific Coast Postal Index..	San Fran
Pacific Rural Press....	San Francisco
Pasadena Union.....	Pasadena
Petaluma Argus.....	Petaluma
Petaluma Courier.....	Petaluma
Petit Journal, Le.....	San Francisco
Placer Argus.....	Auburn
Plumas National.....	Quincy
Pomona Courier.....	Pomona
Press and Horticulturist...	Riverside
Real Estate Circular...	San Francisco

Papers.	Place of Pub.
Red Bluff Sentinel.....	Red Bluff
Rescue.....	San Francisco
Resources of California, San Francisco	
Rhonerville Herald.....	Rhonerville
Russian River Flag.....	Healdsburg
Sacramento Bee.....	Sacramento
*Sacramento Record-Union.....	Sac
Salinas Index.....	Salinas
San Benito Advance.....	Hollister
San Diego Sun.....	San Diego
S. F. Abend Post.....	San Francisco
S. F. Alta California..	San Francisco
S. F. Call....	San Francisco
S. F. Chronicle.....	San Francisco
S. F. City Argus.....	San Francisco
*S. F. Commercial Herald and Market	
Review.....	San Francisco
S. F. Evening Bulletin..	San Francisco
*S. F. Evening Post...	San Francisco
*S. F. Examiner.....	San Francisco
S. F. Hebrew.....	San Francisco
S. F. Hebrew Observer..	San Francisco
S. F. Ingleside.....	San Francisco
S. F. Jour. of Com'rce...	San Francisco
S. F. Merchant.....	San Francisco
S. F. Mining and Scientific Press..	S. F.
S. F. News Letter.....	San Francisco
S. F. San Franciscan..	San Francisco
*S. F. Stock Exchange..	San Francisco
S. F. Stock Report....	San Francisco
S. F. Union.....	San Francisco
San Luis Obispo Tribune..	S. L. Obispo
Santa Cruz Local Item...	Santa Cruz
Santa Cruz Sentinel.....	Santa Cruz
Semi-Tropic.....	Colton
Sociedad, La.....	San Francisco
Sonoma Democrat.	Santa Rosa
Southern Californian.....	Bakersfield
Stanislaus Wheat Grower..	Stanislaus
Ventura Signal.....	Ventura
Wasp.....	San Francisco
Watsonville Pajaronian..	Watsonville

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STATE OF COLORADO.

Papers.	Place of Pub.	Papers.	Place of Pub.
*Denver Tribune.....			Denver

STATE OF NEVADA.

Belmont Courier.....	Belmont	Territorial Enterprize..	Virginia City
Elko Independent.....	Elko	Virginia Chronicle....	Virginia City
Lyon County News.....	Silver City	Walker Lake Bulletin....	Esmeralda
Pioche Record.....	Pioche	White Pine News.....	Cherry Creek
Reno Gazette.....	Reno		

STATE OF OREGON.

Oregon State Journal...	Eugene City	Oregonian.....	Portland
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ARIZONA TERRITORY.

Gazette.....	Phœnix	Sunshine and Silver.....	Tucson
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IDAHO TERRITORY.

Idaho Statesman.....	Boise City	Wood River Times... ..	Hailey
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UTAH TERRITORY.

Salt Lake Tribune.....			Salt Lake
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WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Harrington Times.....	Lincoln Co.	Walla Walla Union....	Walla Walla
Northwest Tribune.....	Cheney	Walla Walla Watchman.	Walla Walla
Puget Sound Courier..	Pt. Townsend	Whatcom Reveille.....	Whatcom

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

British Colonist.....	Victoria	Victoria Weekly Standard..	Victoria
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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Hawaiian Commercial Advertiser.....			Honolulu
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*No longer donated.

LIST OF DONATIONS FOR 1884.

	BOOKS.	PAMPHLETS.	NEWSPAPERS.		BOOKS.	PAMPHLETS.	NEWSPAPERS.
Adams, C. F., Jr.	1	...	...	Fall River Public Library.	8	...	...
American Inst. Mining En-				Fitzgerald, D.	6	...	...
gineers	3	...	...	Fletcher Free Library.	1	...	...
Amherst College. ....	...	1	...	Foote, A. S. ....	...	1	1
Applegate, J. H., Jr.	7	...	...	Friends' Free Library. ....	...	1	...
Astor Library. ....	...	2	...	Gauley, J. ....	...	1	...
Baltimore Public Schools..	1	...	...	Gilson, J. C. ....	...	2	...
Bancroft, A. L. & Co. ....	...	2	...	Goddard, H. K.	1	...	...
Beals, H. C. ....	...	50	...	Golden Gate Kindergarten	...	1	...
Bigelow Free Public Library	...	1	...	Hall, W. H. ....	...	7	...
Bodleian Library. ....	...	1	...	Hallowell, R. P.	1	...	...
Bolton Public Library ....	...	1	...	Harvard University. ....	...	2	...
Boston Fish Bureau. ....	...	1	...	Harvey, E. ....	...	33	...
Boston Public Library ....	...	1	...	Hilgard, J. E.	1	...	...
Bostonian Society.	1	...	...	International Tract and			
Boutwell, F. M. ....	...	1	...	Missionary Society.	10	...	...
Brook, Harry. ....	...	1	...	Janes, E.	1	...	...
Brookline Public Library..	...	1	...	Kansas State Library. ....	...	2	...
Brooks, C. W. ....	...	4	...	Knowlton, T. S. ....	...	1	...
Buchard, H. C.	1	...	...	Lang, I. L. ....	...	1	...
Buffalo Young Men's C. A. ...	...	2	...	Lawrence Free Public Li-	...	4	...
Cal. State Great Registers	1	35	...	brary.			
“ “ Board of Horti-				Lazenby, Wm. R.	1	...	...
culture. ....	...	1	...	Leeds, J. W.	1	...	...
Cal. State Mining Bureau.	1	1	...	Leeds Free Public Library	...	1	...
“ Viticultural Society..	6	...	...	Leominster, Mass. ....	...	1	...
Carroll & Co.	1	...	...	Leverson, M. R. ....	...	1	...
Cerda, J de la C. ....	...	7	...	Low, J. C. & I. F.	1	...	...
Chicago Public Library. ....	...	1	...	Lowell, City Library. ....	...	1	...
Childs, G. W. ....	...	1	...	Lowney, A. C. ....	...	1	...
Christy, S. B. ....	...	1	...	Los Angeles Public Library	...	1	...
Cincinnati Public Library.	1	1	...	Los Gatos Mail. ....	...	1	...
“ School Board.	1	...	...	Lynn Public Library. ....	...	1	...
Cleveland Public Library..	1	3	...	McBride & Co. ....	...	1	...
Colby University. ....	...	1	...	McDowell, H. ....	...	1	...
College of New Jersey.	1	...	...	McGeoghegan, J. T.	1	...	...
College of the City of New				Manchester Free Public			
York. ....	...	1	...	Library. ....	...	2	...
Columbia College. ....	...	2	...	Manifesto, The. ....	...	1	...
Danglison, J. ....	...	5	...	Manning, A. W.	1	...	...
Dedham Public Library. ....	...	1	...	Mason, J. K. ....	...	1	...
Del Mar, A.	25	43	...	Mass. Board of Education	1	...	...
Dodson, W. B. ....	...	1	...	May, G. T.	1	...	...
Drowne, H. T.	2	...	...	Melbourne Public Library.	4	...	...
Dundee Free Library. ....	...	1	...	Middlesex Mechanics' Ass'n	...	1	...
Dwinell, J. E. ....	...	1	...	Miller, Gen. J. F.	44	5	...
Eastman, G. W.	2	...	...	Mills' Seminary. ....	...	1	...
Eaton, D. B. ....	...	1	...	Mitchell Library. ....	...	1	...

	BOOKS.	PAMPHLETS.	NEWSPAPERS.		BOOKS.	PAMPHLETS.	NEWSPAPERS.
Mount Holyoke Female Seminary.....	...	1	Smith, C. M.....	1
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Newburyport Public Libr'y...	...	1	Swansea Public Library...	...	1
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Peabody Institute, Baltimore.....	...	1	U. S. Bureau of Ethnology	1
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Poole, W. F.	1	U. S. Dep't of the Interior	10
Portland Library Ass'n....	...	1	U. S. Dep't of Ordnance..	1
Providence Public Library...	...	1	U. S. Dep't of State.....	3 ..	12
Putnam, E. A.....	2	U. S. Dep't of Treasury...	9
Radcliffe Library.....	1	U. S. Dep't of War.....	7 ..	2
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Raynor, W. S.....	1	University of Cambridge..	...	1
Redwood Library.....	...	1	University of Michigan....	...	4
Rockdale Public Library..	...	1	University of Minnesota...	...	1
Rosecrans, W. S.....	42 ..	5 ..	1 ..	University of Rochester...	...	1
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Sawyer Free Public Library...	...	1	Whitney, S. & Co.....	1
Severance, H. W.....	...	1	Worcester Free Public Library.....	...	1
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				Yale College.....	...	3
				Total.....	263	347	11

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1853.....	\$10,853 50.....	\$10,726 51	1869.....	\$82,148 53.....	\$82,148 35
1854.....	13,387 30.....	11,838 02	1870.....	512,224 18.....	492,935 75
1855.....	9,015 85.....	8,747 96	1871.....	26,674 20.....	41,186 38
1856.....	10,300 00.....	8,989 27	1872.....	26,483 83.....	25,471 29
1857.....	11,777 87.....	12,474 73	1873.....	28,689 40.....	31,038 66
1858.....	12,089 15.....	11,704 09	1874.....	32,897 25.....	33,258 36
1859.....	16,854 82.....	19,045 16	1875.....	26,836 25.....	27,512 83
1860.....	15,604 50.....	16,482 20	1876.....	26,077 15.....	27,542 19
1861.....	15,852 98.....	15,112 22	1877.....	27,177 54.....	26,809 14
1862.....	15,333 26.....	13,506 79	1878.....	23,297 59.....	23,586 89
1863.....	14,601 75.....	14,460 40	1879.....	18,207 55.....	18,002 37
1864.....	17,641 12.....	16,106 39	1880.....	15,873 65.....	16,879 83
1865.....	20,259 00.....	16,469 71	1881.....	15,279 55.....	15,806 66
1866.....	84,132 76.....	74,980 05	1882.....	14,169 40.....	13,284 26
1867.....	121,256 15.....	139,322 01	1883.....	12,623 80.....	13,278 20
1868.....	145,312 31.....	145,312 31	1884.....	13,481 23.....	13,138 31

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Year.	No. of Volumes.	Year.	No. of Volumes
1853.....	1,500	1870.....	28,110
1854.....	2,705	1871.....	30,002
1855.....	3,315	1872.....	30,006
1856.....	3,833	1873.....	33,614
1857.....	6,135	1874.....	36,356
1858.....	8,447	1875.....	39,148
1859.....	10,066	1876.....	41,563
1860.....	11,485	1877.....	44,750
1861.....	13,821	1878.....	46,708
1862.....	14,985	1879.....	48,125
1863.....	15,906	1880.....	49,348
1864.....	16,620	1881.....	50,379
1865.....	18,095	1882.....	51,096
1866.....	19,711	1883.....	51,629
1867.....	21,557	1884.....	52,751
1868.....	24,020	1885.....	53,858
1869.....	25,745		

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1854.....	392	1870.....	1,984
1855.....	552	1871.....	2,020
1856.....	550	1872.....	2,062
1857.....	1,250	1873.....	2,048
1858.....	1,176	1874.....	2,038
1859.....	1,319	1875.....	2,041
1860.....	1,817	1876.....	2,135
1861.....	1,694	1877.....	1,958
1862.....	1,725	1878.....	1,812
1863.....	1,786	1879.....	1,656
1864.....	1,435	1880.....	1,498
1865.....	1,650	1881.....	1,341
1866.....	2,198	1882.....	1,179
1867.....	1,708	1883.....	1,059
1868.....	1,818	1884.....	1,004
1869.....	1,870	1885.....	899

OPERATIONS OF THE LIBRARY.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES TAKEN OUT.

Year.	No. of Volumes.	Year.	No. of Volumes.
1854.....	3,371	1870.....	82,564
1855.....	8,367	1871.....	84,710
1856.....	10,466	1872.....	88,916
1857.....	17,528	1873.....	88,751
1858.....	17,321	1874.....	84,763
1859.....	21,903	1875.....	80,084
1860.....	25,757	1876.....	87,579
1861.....	31,955	1877.....	87,590
1862.....	31,464	1878.....	84,987
1863.....	35,702	1879.....	78,811
1864.....	40,130	1880.....	66,391
1865.....	41,737	1881.....	51,732
1866.....	54,389	1882.....	39,066
1867.....	54,492	1883.....	35,786
1868.....	62,237	1884.....	33,575
1869.....	79,189		